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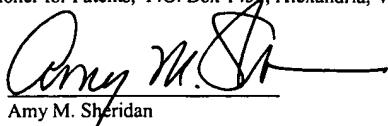
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1. U.S. Patent Publication No. 2003/109342 A1 to Zamm et al., published on June 12, 2003;
2. U.S. Patent Publication No. US 2002/039944 A1 to Ali et al., published on April 4, 2002;
3. U.S. Patent No. 4,758,208 to Bartos et al., issued on July 19, 1988; and,
4. U.S. Patent No. 4,416,647 to Jack D. White Jr., issued on November 22, 1983.

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2. International (PCT) Publication No. WO 00/77422 A1, to Applicant: INA Waelzlager Schaeffler OHG, published on December 21, 2000;
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5. German Patent Publication No. DE 199 26 647 A1, to Applicant: INA Waelzlager Schaeffler OHG, published on December 14, 2000;
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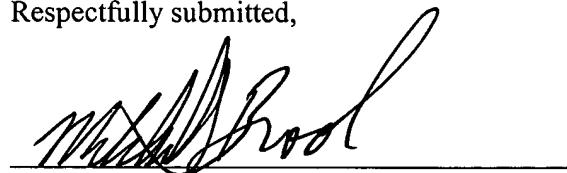
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